such officials to find out the truth or otherwise of the reports; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Government is not aware of any officer working in the Prime Minister's office having contacts with ISI.

Recovery of Radioactive substances from Terrorists in Jaipur

5491. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI O. P. KOHLI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the son of a Member of Parliament was kidnapped by terrorists in Jaipur recently and was subsequently rescused by the security forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in course of the rescue operations, police discovered, inter-alia, a bag with U.S. Atomic Research Department's markings in possession of the terrorists; if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps, if any, taken and/or are contemplated to detect as to how such a bag, designed to contain redioactive substances in the U.S.A. reached the terrorist activists in India, and as to whether a clandestine channel between the authorities of the country of origin of the material and the terrorist outfits in India, exists;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of measures taken to demolish such channels (s)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (f) According to information received from Government of Rajasthan, Shri Rajinder Mirdha, son of Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha, Member of Parliament and ex-Union Minister was kidnapped by militants from outside his house, Ashok Nagar in Jaipur on 17th February, 1995. He was rescued by Police on 25th February, 1995 from the militants after an encounter in the Model Town area of the Police Station Malaviya Nagar, Jaipur. One militant of Khalistan Liberation Force was shot dead. While following the leads recovered from the Model Town house, another hideout of the Khalistan Liberation Force was discovered in the Vaishali Nagar area of Jaipur. During search of this house, RDX explosive material, remote control devices, one AK-56 Rifle, detonetors and a sealed leather pouch was also recovered. The pouch had embossed on it "Made in USA ..... State Crystalat U.R. "235" .... "234" M.R. 1008 ....., Atomic Research Department Base .... Uranium..... Exp. DT. 1.11.2000". The Division was examined by an expert of the Atomic Energy Division and later on by Bhaba Atomic Research Centre, Bombay. It was found that the material was of cation exchange resin (Organic in nature). No radio activitity was found emanating from the material and the experts observed that there was no Uranium in the packet.

Increase in the pension amount of Freedom Fighters

5492. SHRI TINDIVANAM VANKATRAMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present amount of pension to freedom fighters per mensem; and

(b) whether Government propose to raise the monthly amount of pension bearing in mind the steep cost of living, if so, what is the revised amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The present amount of pension being paid to freedom fighters and their spouses is Rs. 1500 per month. The amount of pension in the case of ex-Andaman Political Prisoners is

Rs. 1750/- p.m., besides a special allowance of Rs. 250/- p.m.

(b) As the amount of pension has been raised by Rs 500/- per month only recently i.e., with effect from 2.10.1994 there is presently no proposal for any upward revision under consideration of the Government.

Activities of NSCN

5493. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, with the help of extraneous agencies, is working to forge an alliance between all the secessionist, separatist and the ethnic movement; and

(b) if so, the details of the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter has been taken up with some neighbouring countries in order to sensitise them about India's concerns and to obtain their co-operation for curbing activities directed against India from their soil. The efforts made in this regard include meetings of Joint Working Groups with Bangladesh, an agreement for maintaining peace and tranquility on the Indo-Myanmar border and talks at the official level as well as Sectoral level talks with Myanmar. Similar action has been initiated with Nepal and Thailand.

BSF Officers' Plea for Transfer of Court Cases about Seniority

5494. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the BSF officers who joined the Force as Assistant Commandants between 1972 and 1987, approached the Supreme Court recently with a plea to transfer all the seniority cases pending in various High Courts of the country, either to the Delhi High Court or to the Supreme Court itself;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to concede to this demand, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The petition came up for hearing before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on 6.4.95 and directions have been issued that all the writ petitions concerning seniority dispute by BSF officers should be transferred to High Court of Delhi for disposal by its Division Bench. The matter is sub-judice.

Jain Commission

5495. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case pending before Jain Commission;

(b) whether any timeframe for completion of the work by the Commission has been indicated by Government; and

(c) whether any interim report will be given by this Commission keeping in view the importance of the case and if not, tht reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) The Jain Commission of Inquiry is continuing with the inquiry. So far the Commission has held 41 hearings and received 311 affidavits in responses to notices/questionnaries issued by it. The Commission has decided (i) scope and parameters of the terms of reference of its Inquiry (ii) persons to whom notices under Section 8B of Commission of Inquiry Act 1952 can be issued and (iii)